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OF THE

NEW MEXICO NORMAL UNIVERSITY

For the two Years Ending
November 30, 1904.

REPORT.

Las Vegas, New Mexico, Dec. 7, 1904.

To the Governor, Santa Fe, N. M.

SIR: The Board of Regents of the New Mexico Normal University beg to submit herewith a report of the work and progress of the institution for the two years last passed.

During this period the board has received the following money:

From territory account	maintenance fund.....	$30,925 76
do	Income fund.....	941 43
do	Permanent improvement fund	5,906 60
do	Refund of subscriptions.	2,256 17
Tuition and other institution receipts....		6,776 54
		$46,806 50

The following disbursements have been made.

Refund of subscriptions....	$ 4,227 63
Salaries (teachers and other employes).....	28,139 81
Permanent improvements.....	4,153 02
General expense and sundries.....	8,538 68
	$45,059 14

The board has had under consideration the erection of library, gymnasium and dormitory buildings, as soon as available funds are secured from land sales. These proposed additions are greatly needed to improve the facilities of the institution. The present school building is in excellent condition and well adapted to the use for which it is intended. A substantial stone wall has been placed around the grounds and ample walkways have been layed in cement. The grounds have also been made more attractive by seeding and setting shrubbery.

The board has worked diligently to improve the efficiency of the institution. The present school building is in excellent condition, laying special stress upon the normal course and encouraging students to take advantage of the facilities offered to become proficient in the art of teaching. We are pleased to report the graduation of seventeen students from the school in the past two years.

The institution now offers instruction in all departments of the kindergarten, primary and grammar grades, as well as four years of academic and five years of normal work above the grammar grades.

The total average attendance of the school in all departments for the past two years has been 223. Number of instructors employed is twelve, calling for an annual payment of $12,000.

The board feels itself fortunate in securing the services of Professor Edmund J. Vert, of Wisconsin, and a full corps of experts to compose the faculty. We find it a difficult matter to secure and retain instructors of reputation and ability on account of our inability to pay salaries in competition with institutions having a larger public appropriation. The board has to report that they have by close attention been able to keep within the anticipated income but they feel, that, with the increased importance of the institution and efficiency that the public has a right to demand, the legislature should provide for its maintenance as liberally as possible.

The board calls attention to the inconvenience caused graduates of the Normal in being required to attend county institutes and take additional examinations before being permitted to teach in the public schools of the territory. We strongly recommend that the laws be so amended that graduates from the accredited normal institutions of the territory be given life certificates to teach in this territory without further examination.

The board desires to report the adoption, two years ago, of the rented Text Book plan and to report that the plan has worked to the advantage of the institution and to the great convenience of the public. By this plan we are enabled to supply the students with the most approved text at a great saving to them in expense over the former ownership method.

We desire to express our appreciation of the co operation and consideration shown this board at all times by the Executive of the territory and all the public officials. We desire at this time to extend to the members of the legislature, through your kind offices, a cordial invitation to visit the New Mexico Normal University and inspect the property and the methods and accounts of the board of regents.

Very respectfully,

THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE N. M. N. U.

A. P. SMITH, Secretary. CHAS. ILFELD, President.